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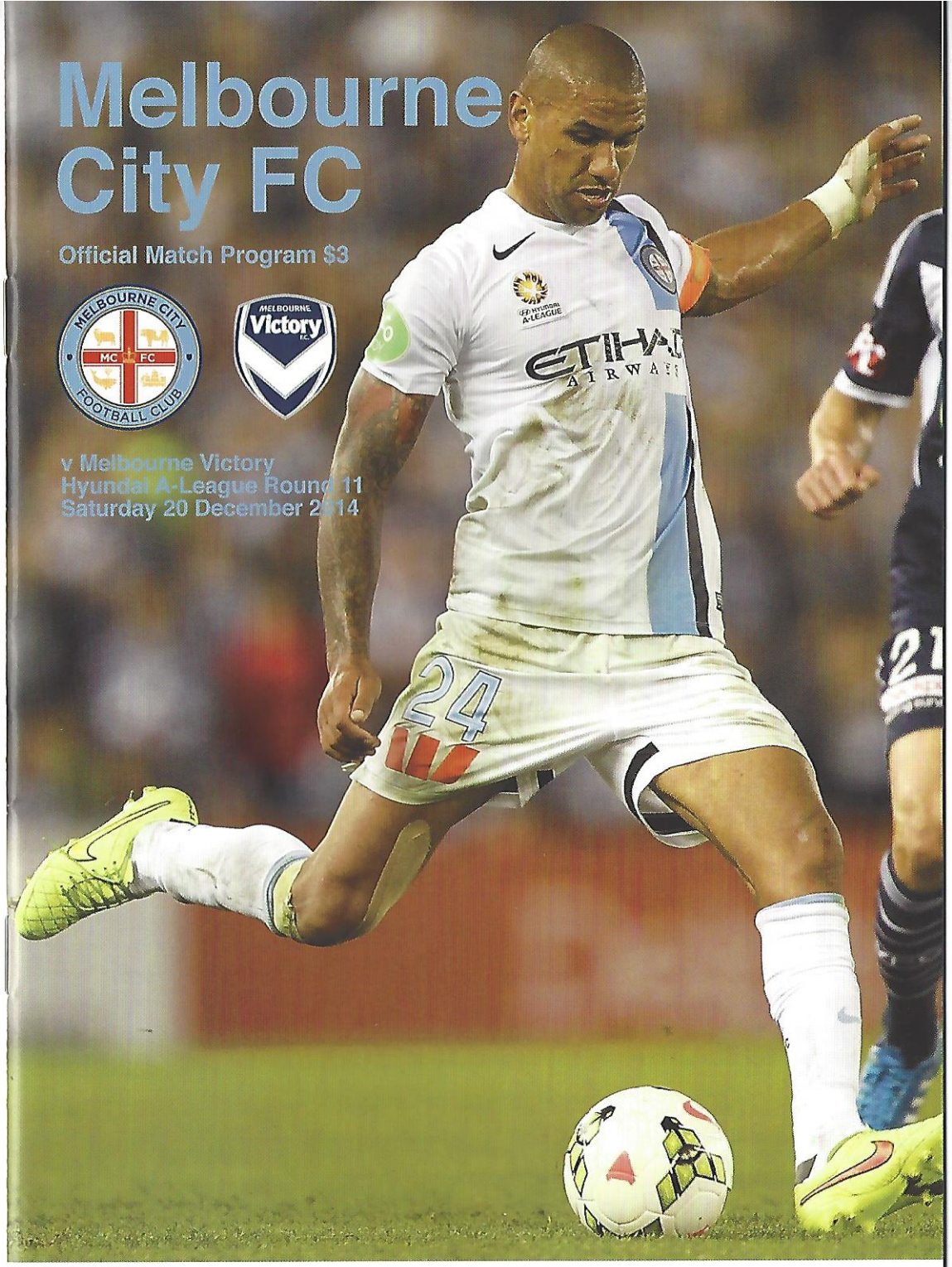
Saturday 20 December 2014



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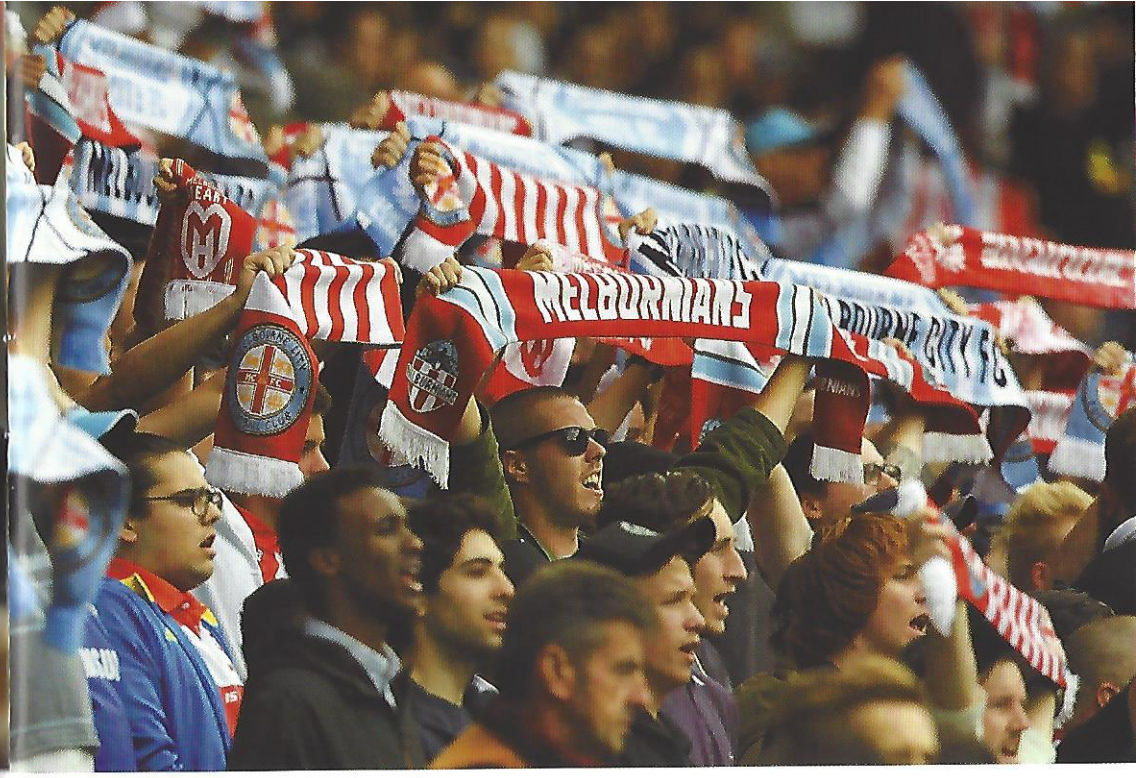

A Message From The Head Coach

To all Melbourne City FC fans and members, welcome to AAMI Park for another enticing encounter with our city rivals, Melbourne Victory. Derby matches are special wherever they are played in the world; whether that be Milan, Manchester or Melbourne, and tonight's match is sure to be another intriguing showdown. In my experience, derbies are always intense, physical and certainly an emotional experience for the players and fans alike.

There is always heightened interest from media during the week leading into match and most would agree that the Melbourne Derby is now a showpiece event on Melbourne's sporting calendar. However, despite the interest surrounding tonight's fixture, our job -- as coaches and players - is to focus on the task ahead and approach tonight's match as another important fixture in our season.

Since we last met Victory in Round 3 we have worked hard as a group and are going into this match looking for a better result than we came away with on that occasion.

I was very pleased with the reaction of our players against Brisbane Roar in our last match. On the back of a disappointing loss the week before, our players responded well and we strengthened our defence, showed character and secured an important 1-0 win, while also keeping our first clean sheet of the season.

With a week off in between matches, we have also made good use of the break and have had time to work on consolidating the positives in our play and eliminating the negatives. The players are in great spirits and I am sure they are eager to make a statement tonight.

Finally, I would also like to take the chance to thank everybody for supporting the 'Santa Hat Appeal' tonight which is helping raise awareness for the important work of the Save the Children foundation. To find out more, head to our website.

Thank you for being here and I hope you enjoy the match.

John van't Schip, Head Coach

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- Roxanne Smith (@roxiimorii)

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The Opponent

Traditionally derby matches are considered special encounters between fierce rivals, where current form and previous results have little bearing on the final outcome. But in tonight's showdown Melbourne City FC will be tasked with overcoming a Melbourne Victory side that remains the only unbeaten team in the competition. With a week off and a win in its last match, John van't Schip's side have had plenty of time to assess tonight's city rival, who pose a significant threat at AAMI Park.

Possessing players such as Albanian Besart Berisha and Kiwi Kosta Barbarouses, who have both contributed heavily so far this season, Victory has a squad that boasts individual talent, as well as depth and an aggressive front line, which has scored 24 goals in 10 matches. With Melbourne City shoring up its back line in the team's last clash against Brisbane Roar, the likes of Patrick Kisnorbo, Connor Chapman and Jason Hoffman will need to stand tall against a dangerous Victory attack.

There is no doubt that the Melbourne Derby is one of the most anticipated fixtures on the Hyundai A-League calendar and often replicates the atmosphere of European football matches, with AAMI Park at capacity. No matter where the sides are placed on the table, the Derby always throws form out the window, and the narrative typically reveals an exciting battle over 90 (plus) minutes.

One to Watch:

The 2014/15 season has seen Kosta Barbarouses burst back onto the scene and the Kiwi international has become one of the most exciting players to watch in the Hyundai A-League. Since his breakout season with Brisbane, Barbarouses' European expedition saw the 24-year-old travel to Russia and Greece only to return to the A-League with Victory. The winger's burst of speed down the right wing has been an asset to the team's attack, with Barbarouses constantly looking to find his way in and behind the back four.

Danger Man:

Striking fear in Hyundai A-League defences' every week, Besart Berisha has the potential to single-handedly change matches in an instant. Since arriving in the A-League in 2011, the Albanian striker has taken the league by storm, scoring 54 goals in 85 matches. Victory's international marquee made his name at Brisbane Roar, winning two Championships with the side and taking out the Golden Boot in his debut season. Berisha's killer instinct in front of goal and his ability to force his opponent to over-commit in challenges is a key to the striker's skillset, waiting for the perfect opportunity to pounce.

Kosta Barbarouses

Besart Berisha

For fixtures, results & the Hyundai A-League ladder go to melbournecityfc.com.au

Gui Finkler

Welcome, Josh Kennedy

From a burgeoning young talent from Yackandandah to a prolific scorer in Japan, Josh Kennedy's career has come full circle, as he returns to Victoria to embark on the next chapter in his career with Melbourne City FC.

While Kennedy does not officially commence as Australian marquee with the Club until January 2015, his arrival has injected positivity into the playing group this week, with Kennedy expected to feature following the Asian Cup break.

For Kennedy, the return to his home State represents a move closer to his family and to the place where his career began.

"This is the place where I started my career in Australia," Kennedy said. "The biggest thing is to have family and friends around. Sometimes it's not easy being over there (Japan) with no one to catch up with and that played a big part in moving back home."

But for a player who has achieved so much at club and national level, there remains an appetite for this next chapter to be a success.

At Nagoya Grampus, Kennedy won the J-League championship and was awarded the Golden Boot, twice, scoring 63 goals in 128 appearances. And he's not stopping there.

"I hope to win a championship [with Melbourne City], whether it's this year or next year or the year after we'll see," Kennedy said.

"[Firstly] I want to fit in as quick as possible and start winning games and then in finals anything can happen.

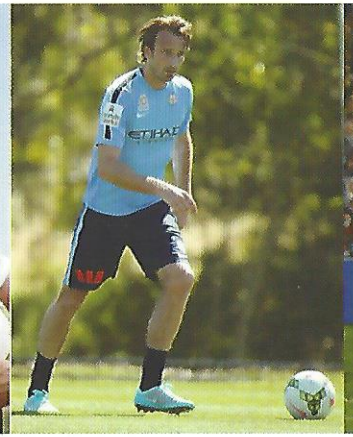
"I really want to come in and fit in the team as quickly as possible, playing my part for the team, doing my job on the pitch and hopefully scoring some goals and setting a few up as well."

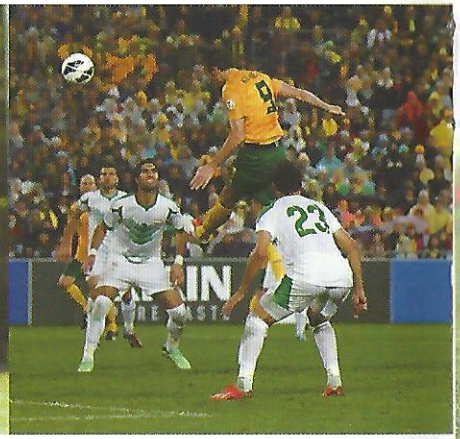
While Kennedy's achievements at club level -- which include a decade in Germany and five years in Japan – the striker is arguably best known as the scorer of a memorable World Cup qualifying goal against Iraq in 2013 - which sent the Socceroos to this year's World Cup Finals in Brazil.

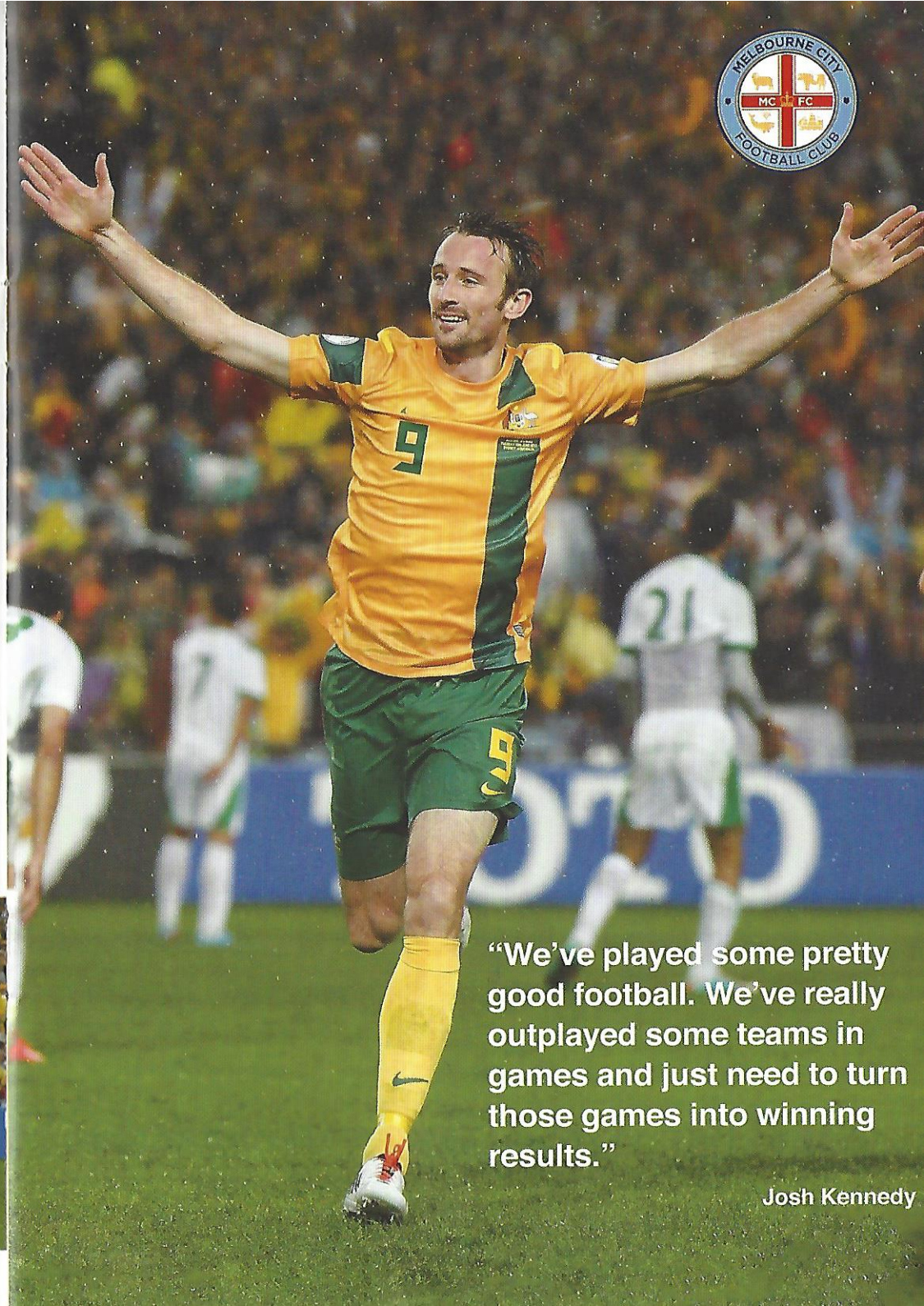
Add to that 17 goals in 33 appearances and Kennedy has the potential to be an effective contributor on Melbourne City FC's forward line. While Kennedy feels the team has not secured the results it deserves so far this season, he recognises a change in fortunes is just around the corner.

"The Club is heading to a really exciting direction." Kennedy said. "[I know] we've had a few ups and downs. But there were a few results where we were unlucky to go down but in general, we've played some pretty good football. We've really outplayed some teams in games and just that little bit is missing to turn those games into winning results."

Head to melbournecityfc.com.au to watch Kennedy's first interview with the Club.



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Josh Kennedy

Melbourne Moment

Date: 7 December 2014 vs Brisbane Roar

It was a historic day for Australian football as four Indigenous players took to the same field for the first time in the Hyundai A-League.

Melbourne City FC's David Williams and James Brown joined Brisbane Roar's Jade North and Adam Sarota for a post match snap of the moment.

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Youth in Focus

A top-of-the-table clash looms for Melbourne City FC's Foxtel National Youth League side tomorrow, as Joe Palatsides' side hosts front-runners Perth Glory on Sunday.

The youth team trail the Western Australian side by five points, after dropping points on the road in the past two rounds against Western Sydney Wanderers and Sydney FC.

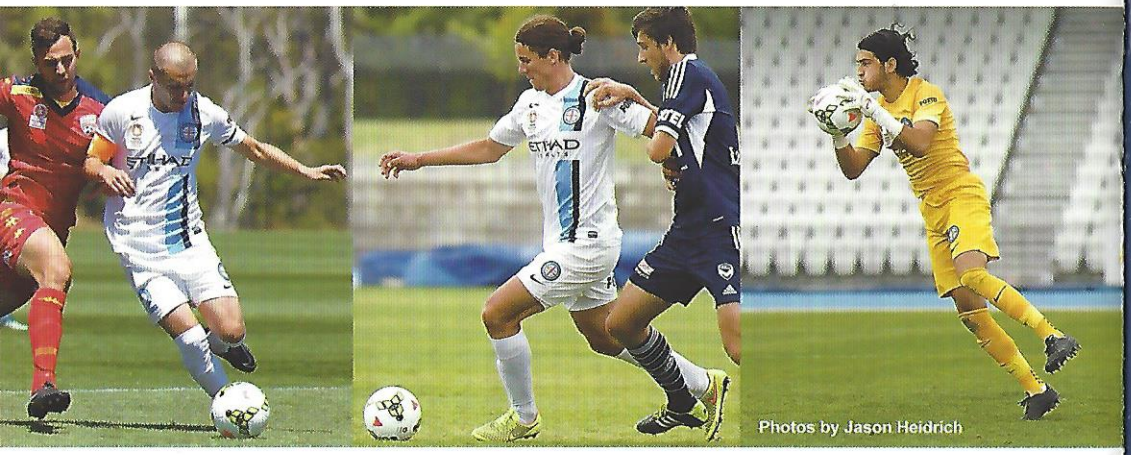
After a tricky two weeks in Sydney, Palatsides' side suffered a 2-0 defeat against the Wanderers at Sportingbet Stadium a fortnight ago, with his side squandering a range of chances to work its way back into the match.

Melbourne City FC peppered the Wanderers' goal, with Paulo Retre coming closest, hitting the crossbar from a free kick. The FNYL side were then hit on the counter twice, ending their six-match unbeaten run.

Last weekend's eventful 3-3 draw with Sydney FC saw nine-man Melbourne City FC concede twice in injury time after goalkeeper Marko Stevanja was sent-off for a second bookable offence.

The visitors were ahead 3-1 at the break, looking comfortable even with 10-men as Anthony Rizk was sent off only moments after scoring. Melbourne City FC looked to have pulled off a memorable victory but Sydney's numerical advantage took its toll, scoring twice in the six minutes of injury time.

The FNYL side sit five points behind league leaders Perth Glory and face the West Australians tomorrow at La Trobe University's Lower Playing fields, kick-off 11am.



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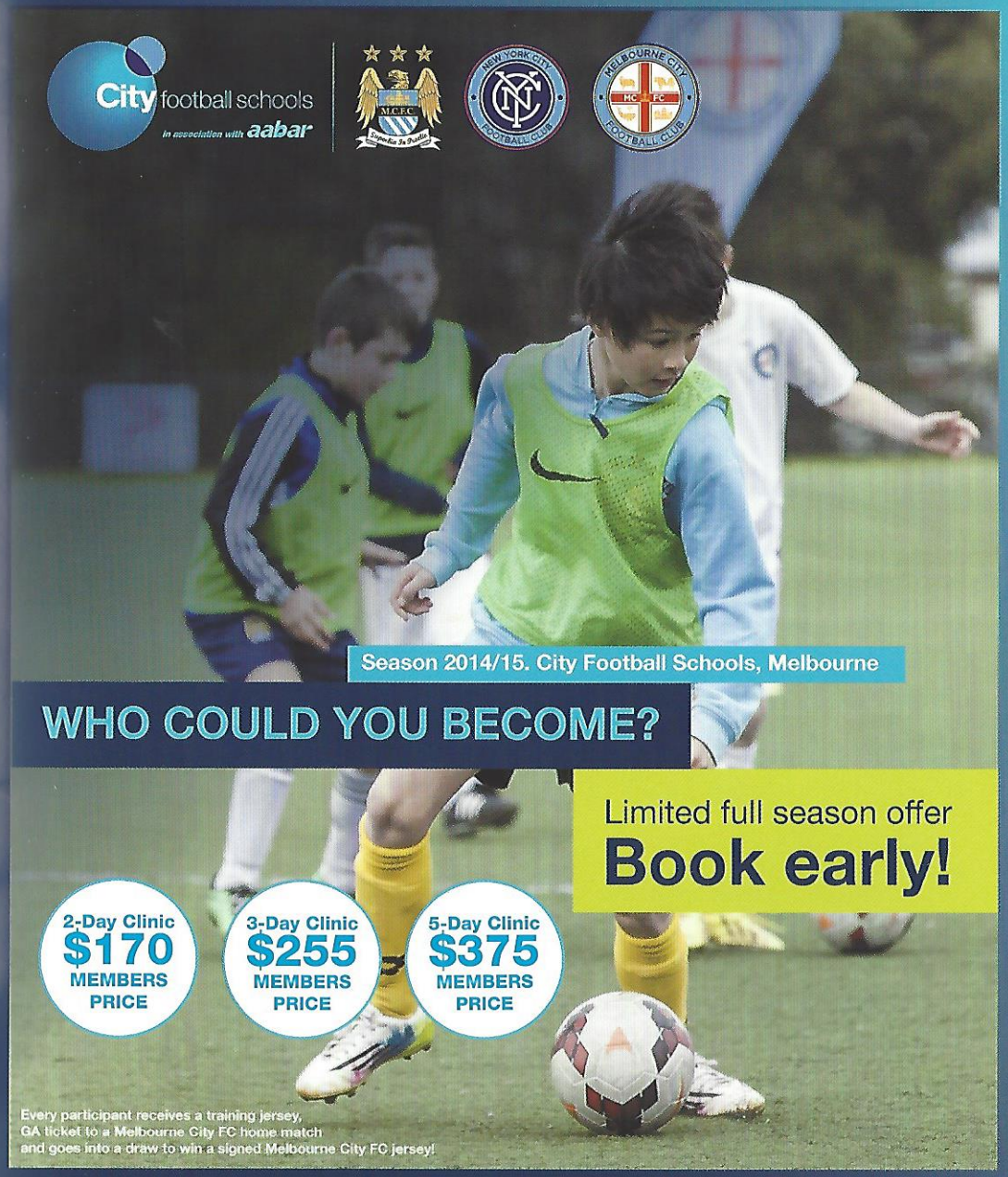
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Squad Lists

Melbourne City FC

	Started		
1. Andrew REDMAYNE (GK)	☐	☐	☐
3. Robbie WIELAERT	☐	☐	☐
4. Connor CHAPMAN	☐	☐	☐
5. Erik PAARTALU	☐	☐	☐
6. Aaron MOOY	☐	☐	☐
7. Iain RAMSAY	☐	☐	☐
8. Massimo MURDOCCA	☐	☐	☐
9. David VILLA	☐	☐	☐
10. Robert KOREN	☐	☐	☐
11. Damien DUFF	☐	☐	☐
13. Jonatan GERMANO	☐	☐	☐
14. James BROWN	☐	☐	☐
15. David WILLIAMS	☐	☐	☐
17. Jason HOFFMAN	☐	☐	☐
18. Paulo RETRE	☐	☐	☐
19. Benjamin GARUCCIO	☐	☐	☐
20 Tando VELAPHI (GK)	☐	☐	☐
21. Stefan MAUK	☐	☐	☐
22. Nick KALMAR	☐	☐	☐
23. Mate DUGANDZIC	☐	☐	☐
24. Patrick KISNORBO (C)	☐	☐	☐
25. Jacob MELLING	☐	☐	☐
26. Marc MARINO	☐	☐	☐
27. Ross ARCHIBALD (Y)	☐	☐	☐
28. Liam MILLER	☐	☐	☐

Head Coach
John VAN'T SCHIP

GOALS	Minute
1st Half	
2nd Half	

Melbourne Victory

	Started		
1. Nathan COE (GK)	☐	☐	☐
2. Jason GERIA	☐	☐	☐
4. Nick ANSELL	☐	☐	☐
5. Mark MILLIGAN (C)	☐	☐	☐
6. Leigh BROSHAM	☐	☐	☐
7. Guilherme FINKLER	☐	☐	☐
8. Besart BERISHA	☐	☐	☐
9. Kosta BARBAROUSES	☐	☐	☐
10. Archie THOMPSON	☐	☐	☐
11. Connor PAIN	☐	☐	☐
13. Andrew NABBOUT	☐	☐	☐
14. Fahid BEN KHALFALLAH	☐	☐	☐
15. Daniel GEORGIEVSKI	☐	☐	☐
16. Rashid MAHAZI	☐	☐	☐
17. Matthieu DELPIERRE	☐	☐	☐
18. Dylan MURNANE	☐	☐	☐
20. Lawrence THOMAS (GK)	☐	☐	☐
21. Carl VALERI	☐	☐	☐
22. Jesse MAKAROUNAS	☐	☐	☐
23. Adrian LEIJER	☐	☐	☐
24. Scott GALLOWAY	☐	☐	☐
26. Jordan BROWN	☐	☐	☐

Head Coach
Kevin MUSCAT

GOALS	Minute
1st Half	
2nd Half	